



Week 2 Assignment: Group Project: Brainstorming

Overview

As a reminder, group collaboration is a major emphasis in the Teaching with Technology course. This week, you will continue to collaborate with your learning team in the Google Docs area to plan your solution for the scenario-based group project. As a team, you will brainstorm possible solutions to the scenario.

By the end of Week 3, your team should have a completed plan to solve the scenario. That plan, written in a Google doc, will be loaded to your team Google site by the end of Week 3.

Remember you can review the scenario by going to the sample Google site at: <http://sites.google.com/site/luteachingwithtechnology> or you can find the document in the Week 2 Resources folder.

Directions

This week, as you read and discuss the content in this week's readings, you should begin to formulate the type of learning activities you and your team members will recommend as part of the solution to your group's project. Your team should participate in a brainstorming session to plan ways to solve the scenario for the group project.

Brainstorming should include evidence of discussions regarding the guiding questions provided in the scenario:

- What process will you use as a learning team to solve the scenario-based problem?
- Who should be a part of the learning team composition?
- Who will be the team leader to get the project started and keep the team on track?
- What skills will your learning team need to possess to successfully solve this problem?
- Which team member has experience with special needs students?
- What will the roles of each team member be in the development, implementation, and assessment of the program?
- Who will be responsible for ensuring the technology-based learning activities are research-based?
- What grade level and content area(s) will you address?
- What will the learning activities look like?
- How will you model examples for the teacher?
- How will you assess the effectiveness of the learning activities?
- What technology tools will be included in the Google wiki/Web site format your team will use for the final delivery of your scenario solution? Will it include video, documents, and other technology project samples?
- Who will publish your work and to which free sites such as TeacherTube, Google Videos, Flickr, or others will be linked back to the Google team wiki/Web site?

Provide evidence of who will be responsible for which parts of the project construction and who will be the team leader for the full project or how will that role rotate throughout the project.

Remember that the team leader is responsible for creating the Google wiki/Web site to house your finished group project. If you haven't already completed this, then now is the time to do that. If you need assistance with creating a Google site, then you can visit these YouTube videos:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwrf_koGSJk or
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1B_q_EiVHI&feature=Playlist&p=DCE07F20A6117BC0&playnext=1&playnext_from=PL&index=6.

To learn how to edit a Google site or add pages, watch these YouTube videos:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HW3OEILssgE&feature=Playlist&p=DCE07F20A6117BC0&index=7>;
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKXFDdwLLgA&feature=Playlist&p=DCE07F20A6117BC0&index=8>; or
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bljZdNaFbQ&feature=Playlist&p=DCE07F20A6117BC0&index=16>.

To learn how to share a Google site, watch this YouTube video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDxXWf4OXzU&feature=PlayList&p=DCE07F20A6117BC0&index=9>

Be sure to send both the link to your Google site and your shared team Google doc to your academic coach after you've completed the brainstorming session.

Rubric

Use the following rubric to guide your work.

Task(s)	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Team Google doc for brainstorming session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide evidence each team member has contributed to initial brainstorming and planned ways to solve the scenario for the group project. • Provide evidence of who will be responsible for which parts of the project construction and who will be the team leader for the full project, or how that role will rotate throughout the project. • Team Google doc link sent to the academic coach. • Brainstorming should include evidence of discussions regarding the guiding questions provided in the scenario: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What process will you use as a learning team to solve the scenario-based problem? • Who should be a part of the learning team composition? • Who will be the team leader to get the project started and keep the team on track? • What skills will your learning team need to possess to successfully solve this problem? • Which team member has experience with special needs students? • What will be the roles of each team member in the development, implementation, and assessment of the program? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incomplete team member participation. • Failure to record brainstormed content in the Google doc regarding the scenario guiding questions. • Failure to send the Google doc link to academic coach. • No team leader identified/or evidence of how the team leader role might rotate throughout the project creation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who will be responsible for ensuring the technology-based learning activities are research-based? • What grade level and content area(s) will you address? • What will the learning activities look like? • How will you model examples for the teacher? • How will you assess the effectiveness of the learning activities? • What technology tools will be included in the Google wiki/Web site format your team will use for the final delivery of your scenario solution? Will it include video, documents, and other technology project samples? • Who will publish your work and to which free sites such as TeacherTube, Google Videos, Flickr, or others will be linked back to the Google team wiki/Web site? <p>(maximum 20 points)</p>	
Team Google Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Google site created. • Team Google site shared with team members. • Team Google site link sent to the academic coach. <p>(maximum 10 points)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google site not created. • Late with completion. • General failure to follow expectations outlined in the Acceptable column of this rubric.

Workspace

In this space, please provide the URLs for the following:

- The shared Google doc from your brainstorming session.
- Your team's shared Google Docs site.

This assignment is due no later than 11:59 p.m. on the seventh day of Week 2 of this course.

Your shared brainstorming Google doc URL	http://docs.google.com/Doc?docid=0AWKZ4Hgl0ijxZGNoY2RxODhfMGc3NmtrcGN6&hl=en Please Note: Our team is using our shared Google Doc, containing our Guiding Questions, as a framework for brainstorming. As we share and finalize ideas the framework and brainstorming will be replaced by and transformed into our final document for submission.
Your shared Google Docs site URL	http://docs.google.com/Doc?docid=0AWKZ4Hgl0ijxZGNoY2RxODhfMGc3NmtrcGN6&hl=en
Time and date of completion	11:59pm November 29, 2009